



SALEM FIRE-EMS NEWS RELEASE

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STRUCTURE FIRE AT 502 EAST 8TH ST. CERTIFIED TRUCK AND AUTO

The Salem Fire & EMS Department responded to a structure fire at 502 East 8th Street this evening at approximately 7:50 p.m. The building was unoccupied when fire crews arrived and no one was injured during the fire.

The first units arrived within 4 minutes of receiving the call and found significant flames inside the building and heavy smoke coming from the structure. Several small explosions also were heard as firefighters began to make their attack the blaze. Due to the amount of fire, along with the hazards and vehicles that were inside the structure, firefighters began an exterior attack and the fire was contained approximately one hour after the first crews arrived.

Approximately 38 **individuals** from the Salem Fire & EMS Department and the Salem Rescue Squad responded to the call. Roanoke County Fire & Rescue Department (Station 9) assisted in covering additional City Fire & EMS calls while crews worked at the 8th St. fire scene.

The fire remains under investigation by the Salem Fire & EMS Fire Marshal's Office, and there is no damage estimate at this time. The building, and vehicles inside of the building, did receive significant fire and smoke damage. The Roanoke Regional Hazardous Materials Team is currently on the scene to assess and contain any hazardous run-off from the fire.

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